



Friday 13th March

Year 3 and 4 performance tickets

Ticket requests go live today on ParentMail, please complete the form by Wednesday 18th March.

FOWPS

Our school needs the PTA and the PTA needs you to keep running!

In July our secretary Rachael Marrison will be stepping down. She is a dedicated and valued member of the team and has been in the role since September 2022! Thank you Rachael. You are a star! We will miss you.

The role of secretary is a vital one as a trustee of the PTA. We need someone to join our team and take on this rewarding role. You can read more about what it entails

here: <https://www.parentkind.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/blog/quick-guide-to-pta-roles>

Next term would be an ideal time to start allowing an adequate hand over period and an opportunity to shadow Rachael.

We're a friendly team and look forward to welcoming you.

Unfortunately, if we can't fill this role, the PTA will be forced to shut down.

If you can help us keep the PTA and its vital fundraising going please get in touch.

Email Caroline at fowps-pta@googlegroups.com.

Home clothes

Children are invited to wear home clothes in exchange for a £1.00 donation on Friday 27th March being the last day of term. A reminder that school finishes at 1.00pm.

Facebook permissions

Please can we remind you to complete the Facebook permission form on ParentMail if you haven't already done so. Many thanks,

Globe Fit Easter holiday Club.

There are still places available if you would like your child to join the fun. Flyer attached for booking information.

Red Nose Day

School Council are busy organising events for Red Nose Day on Friday 20th March - thank you to all those who have donated Teddy bears already. We have extended the teddy donation deadline to Monday 16th March so if you have some Teddy's please bring them in by Monday (remember they need the CE or Lion Mark for British Safety Standards) .

On the day, we would like to encourage pupils to wear red for a £1 donation.

The children are also organising a Teddy Tombola where you can purchase a ticket for 50p (or £1 for 3 tickets) and have the chance of winning lots of fabulous teddy bears.

As well as all of this, they are also organising a Cake sale for Friday lunchtime. Cakes will be available for a range of prices from 20p,50p to £1. All nut free cake donations would be much appreciated to make this a success.

Year 1 and 2 Boys Football tournament

On Monday we took a squad of 9 year 1 and 2 girls to Langtree for the schools partnership tournament. There were three teams and we finished a respectable 2nd place. The girls tried very hard and were extremely supportive of each other. The Olympic value medals went to Bryher for her sheer determination and leadership and Maze for volunteering to go in goal. Well done to all the children that took part.



From Last week's newsletter

Parental Contributions to support the school

Thank you very much to those families who have kindly donated to the school it is very much appreciated. You can still donate via ParentMail.

Class Updates

Acorns	<p>The children in Acorns have been looking forward all week to welcoming you in for a cup of tea and cake. The flapjacks may have turned out a little crumbly, but we did our best! The children have been very busy making cards and a special gift to present to you, and they sang their song so sweetly. You must all be very proud – they are growing and learning so well.</p> <p>We also asked each child what makes their mummy so great after reading the lovely book <i>My Mum Is Great</i>. Their answers are displayed on the board for you to come and see, so please do pop in and have a look.</p> <p>Finally, a quick reminder to please continue sending children in with waterproof coats and wellies each day, as we play outside every day whatever the weather.</p>
Oak	<p>The children have been thinking about Mother's Day this week and have enjoyed being creative. On Monday we were lucky to have Helen from Wallingford bookshop come in to share some stories and her passion for books with us! In phonics we have been looking at the digraphs qu and ch. The children have been thinking of as many words as they can with a ch sound in. You could see how many you can think of at home and bring the list in to show us. In maths we have been continuing our work on doubling numbers. We even worked out that 18 children in our class is the same as 9 children doubled.</p> <p>Thanks to everyone who came to share in some phonics activities for stay and play. It was lovely to see you all. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.</p>
Hornbeam	<p>In Hornbeam this week we have been following on from our trip to Rushall farm last Thursday. The children have created fact files about the animals that we met including what they looked like, what they eat and where they live. We have been focussing on using question marks and adding adjectives to our sentences. In Maths, the children have been learning to count all the way up to 50 and building 2-digit numbers using tens and ones. In science we grouped animals in their kingdoms based on their different characteristics. Finally, in RE we have been looking at a Christian Church and a Jewish synagogue, identifying features and comparing the two.</p>

Beech	<p>Beech class wrote some fantastic African folktales this week including adjectives and speech. Everyone worked so hard on their writing. They are displayed on the proud walls in Beech class. In maths, we have been learning about the relationship between multiplication and division and solving some tricky problems. We have also been learning to measure volume and capacity in litres. Please do practise this at home if you get chance, for example when cooking or by simply adding a measuring jug and some containers to bath time and encouraging your child to estimate and find out the capacity of the containers. In science, we considered how we could encourage more wildlife into our school garden. We plan on making bird feeders next week! Everyone enjoyed a well-deserved class treat with a film and hot chocolate on Tuesday.</p>
Ash	<p>This week in Ash, we have explored the dangers of the sun in our Science lesson and thought about how to protect ourselves from its harmful effects. We also considered the positives of sunlight to our health and to the world around us. And in Geography, we thought about features that make European countries the same and different, such as flags, currency, language, foods and climate.</p> <p>Please can the children bring in their play costumes early next week (by Wednesday at the latest) . Please let the Year 3/4 staff know if you have any issues with finding suitable items. Thank you.</p>
Rowan	<p>This week, we have been working on multiplying two- and three-digit numbers by single-digit numbers and practising our times tables. In English, we have been writing poems about our mums in preparation for Mother's Day. In PE, we have continued developing the skills needed for tennis.</p> <p>We have also been very busy learning our lines for our class play. Rehearsals for the production are going very well, with most of the children now able to perform their lines without the script. We have also started making props and getting our costumes ready.</p> <p>Please could you ensure that your child's costume is in school by Wednesday 18th March.</p>
Maple	<p>It's been another fantastic week here in Maple Class. English has seen us beginning to write our newspaper articles. We've got a variety of topics going on (though most are about our trip to Young Voices), and we're hoping to share them with you once we've edited and published our final versions. In Maths we've continued our battle with multiplication and finally feel we're getting our heads around it. As well this week we looked at translating shapes on coordinate grids before we jump into division next week! In D&T we've continued to work on our flags for Woodcote, trying different sewing stitches and matching our designs up with our prototypes. Again, these should be finished in the next few weeks, at which point we can share them with you all! We wrapped up the week with some time on our ukuleles, having fun with some nursery rhymes and changing up some of the words and lyrics!</p>

Willow	<p>WOW!! What a busy week we've had with the completion of our Restless Earth project and the delivery of the pupil's presentations. Grade sheets will be handed out on Friday. Such a wide variety of topics chosen – from fast fashion, micro-plastic, changing population, volcanoes, the plague and refugees. Well done for all the fantastic models that have been delivered into school and the creative leaflets that have been produced. Such hard work and commitment. Our dive into the Hobbit continues, we have started to build our character descriptions, looking particularly at Bilbo Baggins. We will be looking to bring the unit together with a conversation between characters – <i>homework revision books SPEECH</i>. In Maths, we've completed our work with decimals, knowledge and confidence in the classroom seems to be growing and it's great to see how much homework is being completed around each subject. Moving forwards – we are looking at Fractions, Decimals and Percentages – another short unit. Homework resumes after a short rest for the projects, I will be logging into Teams and dropping homework at random times – similar to Secondary School to help pupils get used to monitoring their work. Well done to those who have kept an eye out. Answer sheets are in class for checking. Electricity in Science, creating series and parallel circuits to see if we can control lights in a sequence. Spellings have already been sent out – 'ible' endings – words 13 and 14 were repeated on Teams (apologies) - test on Tuesday as normal.</p>
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Important dates

Monday 16 th March	IRock concert 2.30pm
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day - teddy tombola, cake sale, home clothes and wear red. All during the school day.
Friday 20 th March	Bingo night organised by FOWPS 19:00 – 23.00
Saturday 21 st March	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop & Second hand uniform sale.
Monday 23 rd March	Year 3 and 4 Dress rehearsal
Tuesday 24 th March	Year 3 and 4 play 6.30pm
Wednesday 25 th March	Year 3 and 4 play 6.30pm
Thursday 26 th March	Acorns & Year 5 Cake Sale after school
Friday 27 th March	End of term – 1.00pm finish – home clothes in exchange for a £1.00 donation
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	Easter Holiday – School closed
Tuesday 7 th – Friday 10 th April	Globefit Easter Holiday Club – places need to be pre booked.
Thursday 16 th April	National offer day for Reception class September 2026
Monday 4 th May	Bank holiday – school closed
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May	SATS week
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	Summer Half Term
Monday 1 st – Friday 5 th June	Year 6 Residential to Liddington
Tuesday 23 rd June	Sports Day

Thursday 25 th June	Back up Sports Day
Wednesday 1 st July	INSET day – School closed
Tuesday 14 th July	Acorns Sports Day
Monday 20 th July	INSET day – School closed
Tuesday 21 st July	School summer holidays begin – school closed
Tuesday 1st September	INSET day
Wednesday 2 nd September	INSET day
Thursday 3 rd September	All children return to school for the Autumn term

FOWPS

We have a coffee shop planned for Saturday 21st of March. Please get in touch with Caroline on 07879676421 or your class rep if you can bake, donate or help on the day. We can't do it without you.

BINGO!

Don't forget to get your tickets for the night. Details and booking here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-events/index.cfm>

If you can lend a hand on the night please sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/DKJ3A>

Other News